

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	
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ALEXANDER E. JONES,	§	Chapter 7
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Debtor.	§	Case No. 22-33553 (CML)
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**TENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF PORTER HEDGES LLP, AS BANKRUPTCY
COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, CHRISTOPHER R. MURRAY, FOR ALLOWANCE
OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM
MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Porter Hedges LLP, as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray
Date of Retention Order:	July 30, 2024 (Doc. No. 792) ¹
Period for which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:	March 1, 2025 through and including March 31, 2025
Interim Fees Incurred:	\$23,094.50
Interim Payment of Fees Requested (80%):	\$18,475.60
Interim Expenses Incurred:	\$6,219.46
Total Fees and Expenses Due:	\$24,695.06

This is the Tenth Monthly Fee Statement.

¹ The Trustee's application to employ Porter Hedges was filed at Docket No. 756.

Porter Hedges LLP (“Porter Hedges”), as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray (the “Trustee”), submits this Tenth Monthly Fee Statement (the “Fee Statement”) for the period from March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 (the “Application Period”) in accordance with the proposed *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Trustee* [Docket No. 793] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

Porter Hedges requests compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$23,094.50 (the “Fees”), and for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the amount of \$6,219.46 (the “Expenses”), for the period from March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025. Eighty percent (80%) of the fees equals \$18,475.60 and one hundred percent (100%) of the Expenses equals \$6,219.46 for a total requested amount of \$24,695.06.

Summaries of the calculations for these fees by project category and expenses are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**, respectively. A summary of the time expended by Porter Hedges attorneys and support staff, together with their respective hourly rates, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**. Porter Hedges’ invoice for the Application Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

WHEREFORE, Porter Hedges respectfully requests payment and reimbursement in accordance with the procedures set forth in the proposed Interim Compensation Order (*i.e.*, payment of eighty percent (80%) of the compensation sought, in the amount of \$18,475.60 and reimbursement of one hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred in the amount of \$6,219.46 in the total amount of \$24,695.06.

Dated: April 11, 2025.
Houston, Texas

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This will certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was forwarded by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case on April 11, 2025.

/s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

Joshua W. Wolfshohl

EXHIBIT 1**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees Requested
Asset Analysis/Recovery	13.50	11,662.50
Case Administration	3.90	2,078.00
Communications	.70	696.50
Compromises	11.00	8,445.00
Employment/Fee Application	.50	212.50
TOTAL	29.60	23,094.50

EXHIBIT 2**SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**

Expenses	Cost
Computer Assisted Legal Research	456.12
Computer Services	1,857.57
Litigation Support Services	3,762.50
Working Meals	143.27
TOTAL	6,219.46

EXHIBIT 3**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY ATTORNEYS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

Professional	Hourly Rate	Total Hours
Joshua W. Wolfshohl	\$995.00	8.40
Michael B. Dearman	\$745.00	16.70
Jordan T. Stevens	\$725.00	1.00
Adriana T. Young	\$600.00	.30
Mitzie L. Webb	\$485.00	.50
Eliana Garfias	\$425.00	2.70
TOTAL		29.60

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Invoice Date: April 08, 2025
Invoice Num.: 575880
Matter Number: 018577-0001
Billing Attorney: Joshua W. Wolfshohl
Tax ID: #74-2174193

Matter: Alex Jones

For professional services rendered and costs incurred through March 31, 2025

Professional Services	23,094.50
Disbursements	6,219.46
Total Amount Due	\$29,313.96

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Time Detail

<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03/02/2025	JWW	Phone conference with prospective buyer.	0.50	497.50
03/02/2025	MBD	Review pleadings in adversary proceedings (.9); correspond with E. Jones and J. Wolfshohl regarding dismissals (.2).	1.10	819.50
03/03/2025	JWW	Review stipulation of dismissal regarding PQPR and conference with M. Dearman regarding disposition of various adversary proceedings (.3); emails with S. Lemmon and S. Roberts regarding same (.1); emails with counsel for WOW! regarding equity purchase (.2).	0.60	597.00
03/03/2025	MBD	Revise stipulation of dismissal (.2); conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.1); correspond with C. Mazza regarding sale questions (.1); correspond with C. Murray regarding same (.1); correspond with C. Murray regarding stipulation of dismissal (.2); correspond with litigation parties regarding PQPR adversary proceeding (.2).	0.90	670.50
03/04/2025	JWW	Phone conference with M. Dearman regarding equity sale issues (.3); conference with K. Kimpler regarding CT/TX settlement (.3); emails with Trustee team regarding same (.1).	0.70	696.50
03/05/2025	MBD	Conference with E. Jones regarding motion to dismiss adversary (.7); correspond with J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.1); review and analyze removed adversary proceedings complaint (.1).	0.90	670.50
03/06/2025	JWW	Phone conference with C. Murray and E. Jones regarding TX-CT settlement (.2); follow-up emails regarding dismissal of PQPR suit and related issues (.1); review response to omnibus claim objection (.1).	0.40	398.00
03/06/2025	MBD	Update response to FUAC motion for leave (.1); correspond with C. Murray, E. Jones and J. Wolfshohl regarding case updates (.1); draft motion to dismiss adversary proceeding (1.5); review and analyze pleadings in removed adversary proceedings (.2).	1.90	1,415.50

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03/07/2025	MBD	Correspond with C. Murray (.1); continue draft motions to dismiss adversary proceedings (1.9); conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding case status and strategy (.2); revise and redline proposed orders (.4); correspond with J. Wolfshohl and E. Jones regarding same (.1); review reservation of rights with respect to fee applications (.2).	2.90	2,160.50
03/07/2025	JWW	Conference with E. Jones and C. Murray regarding disposition of FSS assets and equity.	1.00	995.00
03/08/2025	MLW	Email exchange with M. Dearman regarding upcoming filing CNO - Motion to Disburse.	0.10	48.50
03/09/2025	MBD	Update revised order and certificate of no objection reflecting reservation of rights (.2); analyze reservation of rights (.1).	0.30	223.50
03/09/2025	MLW	Email exchange with M. Dearman regarding filing CNO - Motion to Disburse (.2); file and forward copy of same to Case Manager (.2).	0.40	194.00
03/10/2025	MBD	Draft motions to dismiss adversary proceedings (1.2); correspond with C. Murray regarding case issues (.1); correspond with E. Jones regarding fee applications (.1); correspond with C. Murray and J. Goldstein regarding disbursement order (.1); revise motion to dismiss state law fraudulent transfer adversary (.2); conference with C. Murray and E. Jones regarding case issues (.2); correspond with C. Murray and N. Pattis regarding lawsuit (.2).	2.10	1,564.50
03/10/2025	EG	Correspondence on filing logistics of CNO to PH's 2nd fee application (.1); discuss same with M. Webb (.1); receive, review, and electronically file same with court (.2); download and circulate filed version (.1); email case manager on same (.1); update file (.1).	0.70	297.50
03/11/2025	MBD	Review and revise February fee statement (.2); review invoices (.4); correspond with J. Wolfshohl and E. Garfias regarding same (.1); correspond with S. Lemmon and S. Roberts regarding motions to dismiss (.1); analyze property of the estate issues and correspond	2.70	2,011.50

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		with C. Murray regarding same (.3); conference with C. Murray regarding information inquiries (.1); conference with E. Jones regarding response to FUAC motion for leave (.4); multiple correspondence with S. Roberts regarding motions to dismiss (.2); revise response and numerous correspondence with C. Murray, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.9).		
03/11/2025	EG	Correspondence on filing logistics of PH's 9th fee statement (.1); receive, review, and electronically file same with court (.2); download and circulate filed version (.1); email case manager on submission of same (.1).	0.50	212.50
03/12/2025	JWW	Emails regarding FSS tax issues.	0.20	199.00
03/13/2025	MBD	Coordinate call with WOW.AI.	0.10	74.50
03/13/2025	ATY	Confer with M. Dearman, K. Starling, and L. Kumar regarding case status and forward progression.	0.30	180.00
03/14/2025	MBD	Conference with WOW.AI regarding membership interest diligence (.7); correspond with S. Lemmon, R. Mates, and S. Roberts regarding dismissals (.1).	0.80	596.00
03/17/2025	MBD	Correspond with S. Lemmon and S. Roberts regarding motions to dismiss (.1); correspond with C. Murray regarding same (.1); finalize motions to dismiss and proposed orders (.2).	0.40	298.00
03/18/2025	MBD	Prepare for filing (.1); correspond with E. Garfias and M. Webb regarding motions to dismiss (.1).	0.20	149.00
03/18/2025	EG	Correspondence on anticipated filing of two motions to dismiss in adversaries (.2); monitor emails for status of same (.6); coordinate filing with M. Webb (.1); receive, review, and electronically file same with court (.4); download and circulate filed versions (.1); update file (.1).	1.50	637.50
03/19/2025	JWW	Review motion to intervene.	0.30	298.50
03/19/2025	MBD	Review motion to intervene (.3); review order denying	0.40	298.00

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		FUAC motion for leave (.1).		
03/20/2025	JWW	Weekly call with Trustee regarding status of FSS and next steps with open matters in case (.9); conference with K. Kimpler regarding TX-CT settlement status (.5); several follow-up emails with Trustee regarding same (.4).	1.80	1,791.00
03/20/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend strategy session with J. Wolfshohl, E. Jones, and C. Murray.	1.00	725.00
03/22/2025	JWW	Emails regarding Wow request regarding diligence of FSS equity purchase.	0.20	199.00
03/24/2025	JWW	Conference with Trustee team regarding diligence on equity sale and next steps with issues in chapter 7.	0.60	597.00
03/24/2025	MBD	Correspond with J. Pierce regarding demand letter (.1); conference with C. Murray, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding case status and strategy (.6).	0.70	521.50
03/26/2025	MBD	Correspond with C. Mazza regarding inquiries.	0.10	74.50
03/27/2025	MBD	Correspond with C. Murray, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding case status and updates.	0.10	74.50
03/28/2025	MBD	Conference with WOW.AI team and J. Wolfshohl regarding case status and potential equity sale (.9); conference with C. Murray regarding same (.2).	1.10	819.50
03/28/2025	JWW	Diligence call with WowAi regarding equity purchase (.9); emails with Trustee regarding same and open issues (.2).	1.10	1,094.50
03/29/2025	JWW	Phone conference with C. Murray and E. Jones regarding potential equity sale and status of state court turnover proceeding.	1.00	995.00
Total			29.60	\$23,094.50
Total Services				\$23,094.50
Timekeeper Summary				

<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Timekeeper Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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JWW	Joshua W. Wolfshohl	Partner	8.40	995.00	8,358.00
MBD	Michael B. Dearman	Associate	16.70	745.00	12,441.50
JTS	Jordan T. Stevens	Associate	1.00	725.00	725.00
ATY	Adriana T. Young	Associate	0.30	600.00	180.00
MLW	Mitzie L. Webb	Paralegal	0.50	485.00	242.50
EG	Eliana Garfias	Paralegal	2.70	425.00	1,147.50
Total			29.60		\$23,094.50

Cost Summary

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